

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Block Island School
September 22, 2011
12:00 P.M.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Thursday, September 22, 2011, in the media center of the Block Island School. William Padien called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The following members were present: Elizabeth Connor, Ann Hall, Sean McGarry, and William Padien. Patricia Doyle was not in attendance. Robert Hicks was also present.

Report on 2011 Summer Reading Program

Karen Kurzman presented a PowerPoint on the summer reading program. The goal for this program is for students to become more fluent and with fluency comes comprehension. The process for choosing students was AIMSweb data, teacher recommendation, and parent/student request. Dr. Kurzman had five students in grades K-2 and three students in grades 3-4. The K-2 program lasted one hour and included 15 minutes of sight word self-competitions, 30 minutes of whole-class reading, and 15 minutes of individualized computer reading games. The same program was followed for students in grades 3-4, but it was increased to 90 minutes. Dr. Kurzman created a Summer School Binder that can be used for future programs. Included in the binder are possible schedules, strategies, writing prompts, Reader's Theater examples, lists of predictable books, Dolch lists and activities, and web sites. It is still a work in progress, but she has until next summer to finish it. It was suggested that the summer reading program be lined up earlier next so it can begin shortly after the end of the school year.

2010-2011 Audit Report

Frank Champi, Susan Johnson, and Danielle Santamaria, representatives from the auditing firm of Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo, PC, addressed the School Committee regarding the school's recently completed audit of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011. The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Once the Uniform Chart of Accounts is uploaded to RIDE the auditors will do some testing to make sure that expenses are correctly posted to the accounts. The auditors found no compliance issues, recommendations made last year have been corrected, and noted no instances of fraud or illegal acts. It was stated that this was a fairly standard year with no significant issues.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve the draft audit as presented and discussed carried with a vote of 4-0. The representation letter was signed by William Padien, Robert Hicks, and Renee Meyer.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 1:17 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 4-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: October 17, 2011